

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the improper use claims 19-22 and 24 and by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicants retain the right to reintroduce any subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application. Also, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added to the application.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Sequence Listing paper copy and a computer readable disk. Please note that the information contained in said files are identical with the information contained in the sequence listing filed with the PCT-Application. The only differences being the following:

a) <120> the term "Trans-Sialidasen aus *Trypanosoma Congolense*" has been changed to read "Trans-sialidases obtained from *Trypanosoma Congolense*" in order to translate the original German term into the English language.

b) <110> the name of the applicant has been changed from "Numico B. V." to read "N. V. Nutricia". As you know the PCT-Application was filed in the name of N. V. Nutricia. The other name (i. e. Numico B. V.) was erroneously mentioned in the sequence listing.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/EP03/14079, of which the present application is the U.S. national phase. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is Applicants' understanding that, under the procedures of the PCT, copies of the cited publications will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if additional copies are necessary or would facilitate examination of the present application.


Otherwise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all publications listed thereon have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

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Applicants understand that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (DE 102 58 400.1, filed December 13, 2002) will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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